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Report Highlights:

Turkey's 2002 Import Tariff Schedule was published on December 31, 2001 and went into force on January 1, 2002. Tariffs for most bulk commodities were unchanged from previous rates. Duties for some grains and sunflower and sunflower oil were reduced significantly. Contrary to the trend, duties for bananas and margarine were increased. Grain duties, are expected to be raised again at the time of harvest. This report updates tariffs for key products.

Includes PSD changes: No
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Turkey's 2002 Tariff Schedule (Import Regime) was published in the Official Gazette on December 31, 2001 and went into force on January 1, 2002.

The 2002 Schedule was prepared by the Foreign Trade Undersecretariat and includes, as in previous years, five separate categories (lists), of which four include agricultural products. Depending on the item and list, revisions were primarily based on Turkey's obligations under the World Trade Organization and its Customs Agreement with the European Union. The revisions also took into consideration availability of local produced products and consumption demand. Most agricultural products are included in list one. List 2 includes wood products, skin and leather. List 3 applies to certain fish and seafood products. List 4 determines duties for processed products, based on the proportion of their various components.

There are separate columns for country groups with signed bilateral agreements. These include the European Union and EFTA; Least Developed Countries; Israel, Hungary, Estonia, Czech, Slovakia, Latvia; Romania; Lithuania; Bulgaria; Poland; Macedonia; Bosnia-Herzegovina. Discussions are reportedly underway for trade agreements with Egypt, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Jordan, and Palestine, which all have already signed agreements with the EU. Discussions with Croatia were finalized and the agreement was initialized, but not signed yet. The United States falls in the "Other Countries" category.

Tariffs for most bulk commodities, including those imported from the United States, were either unchanged from the rates that were in effect at the end of 2001, or decreased slightly. On the other hand, duties for wheat, corn, sorghum, rice, sunflower and crude sunflower oil were reduced significantly. Duties for wheat, corn, sorghum and rice are expected to be raised again at the time of the harvest. EU countries again received a twenty percent additional discount on sugar imports from its members. Contrary to the trend, the duties for bananas and margarine were increased to provide additional protection to local producers.

The following table provides the effective duties in 2002 compared to their January, 2001 levels.

KEY AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES IN THE TURKISH 2002 IMPORT REGIME

	NEW		PREVIOUS	
	EU & EFTA	OTHERS	EU & EFTA	OTHERS
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
BREEDER CATTLE (0102.10)	0	0	0	0
FEEDER & SLAUGHTER CATTLE (0102.90)	138	138	139.5	139.5
FROZEN BEEF (0202)	230	230	232.5	232.5

CHEESE (cheddar) (0406.90.21.00.00)	44	46	44.5	46.5
	NEW		PREVIOUS	
	EU & EFTA	OTHERS	EU & EFTA	OTHERS
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
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ALMONDS (0802.11 & 0802.12)	44.1	44.1	44.6	44.6
BANANAS (0803)	149	149	119	119
WHEAT				
- durum (1001.10.00.00.19)	5	5	50	50
- milling (1001.90.99.00.11)	10	10	55	55
BARLEY (1003)	85	85	85	85
CORN (1005)	10 1/	10 1/	50	50
RICE (1006)				
- paddy	27	27	39 2/	39 2/
- milled	35	35	46.5 2/	46.5 2/
SORGHUM (1007.00.90)	10	10	50	50
SOYBEANS (1201)	0	0	0	0
SUNFLOWERSEED (1206.00.91,99)	0 3/	0 3/	27.9	27.9
TALLOW (1502)	4	4	4	4
SOYBEAN OIL				
- crude (1507.10.90)	12	12	12	12
- refined (1507.90.90)	23	23	23	23
SUNFLOWER OIL				
- crude (1512.11.91)	12 3/	12 3/	37.2	37.2
- refined (1512.19.91)	50	50	50	50
CORN OIL				
- crude (1515.21.90)	12	12	12	12
- refined (1515.29.90)	20.6	20.6	21.2	21.2
MARGARINES (1517.10)	49.4	49.4	0	16

SUGAR (1701.99)	138	138	139.5	139.5
(Only from the EU countries)	110.4		111.6	
	NEW		PREVIOUS	
	EU & EFTA	OTHERS	EU & EFTA	OTHERS
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
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CANNED VEGETABLES (2004)	41.2	41.2	42.3	42.3
ORANGE JUICE (2009.11 & 2009.19)	61.8	61.8	63.5	63.5
FOOD PREPARATIONS (2104.10.90)	0	11.5	0	11.5
(Soup, meat bouillon, homogenized other food preparation, etc.)				
SYRUP (2106.90.30, 90.51,90.55,90.59)	50	50	50	50
(Isoglucose, lactose, glucose, and malto dextran syrup)				
BEER (2203)	0 4/	3 4/	0	6
WINE (2204.21 & .29)	50	70	50	70
WHISKY (Bourbon) (2208.30.11.00.00)	0	0	0	0
SOYBEAN MEAL (2304.00)	0	2	0	2
PET FOOD (2309.10)	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9
TOBACCO (2401)	25	25	25	25
CIGARETTES (2402.20.90.00.11,19)	0	57.6	0	57.6
HIDES & SKINS (4104.41.19.10.11)	0	6.5	0	6.5
LOGS & PRODUCTS (4403)	0	0	0	0
COTTON (5201)	0	0	0	0

1/ Corn duty was revised several times during 2001.

2/ Reflects interim changes in October, 2001. The Jan, 2002 levels were the same in Jan, 2001.

3/ Duty reduced to this level in November, 2001.

4/ According to the schedule, this rate will be reduced to zero after July 1, 2002.

